

MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP

Success Stories from the Field

Roto-Mix Inc

Mid-America Manufacturing Technology Center

Roto-Mix, Inc. Builds Upon Lean and Increases Sales

Client Profile:

Roto-Mix, a division of J-Star Industries, Inc., builds truck, trailer or stationary feed mixing equipment for livestock. Founded in 1984, Roto-Mix is located in Dodge City, Kansas and currently employs 120 people.

Situation:

Roto-Mix wanted to increase productivity, eliminate bottlenecks and improve efficiency in its manufacturing business to maintain its competitive edge in the marketplace. They also wanted to build upon the Lean work they had done earlier with MAMTC. The company contacted the Mid-America Manufacturing Technology Center (MAMTC), a NIST MEP affiliate, for help.

Solution:

MAMTC led the company through 5S training, a system to improve and standardize the work environment for safe and effective operation. Roto-Mix added visual controls, began using Kanban inventory techniques, and organized efficient cells.

Results:

- * Increased sales by \$2.7 million.
- * Invested \$180,000 in capital improvements.
- * Anticipated hiring of new employees.

Testimonial:

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